**Railways' operating assets**

1994. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over utilization caused significant depreciation and erosion of operating assets;

(b) if so, whether it adversely affect the required safety standards; and

(c) the measures being taken to ease the pressure on Railways' operating assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Railways aim to achieve optimal utilization of the operating assets to improve financial viability of its day to day operations. The operating assets of Railways are subject to normal wear and tear while in service and are required to be renewed from time to time on age cum condition basis. Appropriate maintenance at scheduled intervals ensures proper assets management and no adverse impact on their productivity and safety. All out efforts are made to follow operating and maintenance discipline besides upgrading maintenance infrastructure and facilities to take care of rolling assets of the Railways.

**Mumbai Urban Transport Project**

1995. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government and the State Government of Maharashtra have taken up the Mumbai Urban Transport Project on 50:50 sharing basis;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that State Government of Maharashtra have formulated some road projects and asked Government to share the cost on 50:50 basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) is being executed on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra.

(b) The details of the rail Projects being executed under MUTP are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The cost of the road component of the MUTP is being borne by the Government of Maharashtra alone. However, Government of Maharashtra has requested Ministry of Railways to share the cost of works under Station Area Traffic Improvement Scheme (SATIS) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs). The details of SATIS and ROB works are enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below). These works are under the consideration of this Ministry.

***Statement-I***

*Rail Projects being executed under MUTP*

| Sl. No. | Projects | Cost (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Provision of 5th line Western Railway | 59.00 |
| 2. | 5th & 6th line between Kurla-Thane | 166.00 |
| 3. | Borivali-Virar Quadrupling | 436.00 |
| 4. | Optimization of Western Railway | 50.00 |
| 5. | Optimization of Central Railway | 100.00 |
| 6. | Optimization of Harbour line | 20.00 |
| 7. | Direct Current to Alternating Current Conversion | 380.00 |
| 8. | Virar Car Shed | 73.00 |
| 9. | Electric Multiple Unit Procurement/manufacture/ retrofitment | 1359.00 |
| 10. | Electric Multiple Unit Maintenance Facilities | 64.00 |

| Sl. No. | Projects | Cost (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|---|
| 11. | Stabling lines for Electric Multiple Units | 49.00 |
| 12. | Procurement of Track Machines | 31.00 |
| 13. | Technical Assistance | 40.00 |
| 14. | Resettlement and Rehabilitation | 290.00 |
| 15. | Capital Expenditure for setting up of Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation | 8.00 |
| | TOTAL : | 3125.00 |

***Statement-II***

*Road Projects being executed under MUTP*

| Sl. No. | Projects | Cost (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | ROB at Jogeshwari (South) | 80.00 |
| 2. | ROB at Jogeshwari (North) | 54.00 |
| 3. | ROB at Vikhroli | 37.00 |
| 4. | Station Area Traffic Improvement Scheme (SATIS) at 6 stations | 73.00 |
| | TOTAL: | 244.00 |

**Loss due to flouting norms for tender**

1996. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have lost Rs. 200.00 crores between 1997 to 2003 due to flouting norms for tender allotment;

(b) if so, the details of the probe made in the matter; and